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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Koichi IKESHIMA

Group Art Unit: 1755

Serial No.: 09/803,941

Examiner: Tamra L. Dicus

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For: CERAMIC HONEYCOMB STRUCTURE

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D. C. 20231

PLEASE ACCEPT THIS AS AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT OR CREDIT FEES TO DEP. ACCT. 16-0331 PARKHURST & WENDEL

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of May 23, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please cancel Paragraph [0025] and replace with the following:



[0025] When hot exhaust gas is suddenly sent in an automobile exhaust gas purification apparatus in which a ceramic honeycomb structure is arranged, a difference in temperature between a central portion and an outer circumferential portion is generated,